

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	<b>No. 08 CR 888</b>
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<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Judge James B. Zagel</b>
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<b>ROD BLAGOJEVICH, et al.</b>	)	

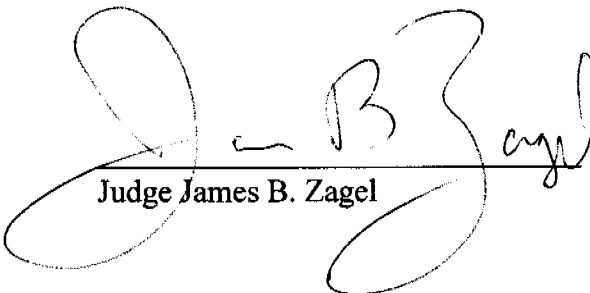
**ORDER**

The Court hereby orders the following procedures in connection with the trial in *United States v. Blagojevich, et al.*, 08 CR 888, scheduled to commence on June 7, 2010:

- \* Pagers and laptops will NOT be allowed in the courtroom. Small PDAs (with a QWERTY keyboard) are allowed for email use only, but must not be visible to the Court and/or the jury. No photos.
- \* Law Enforcement agents and attorneys on the case are permitted to bring cell phones, laptops, and pagers into the courtroom, but they must turn them off before entering the courtroom.
- \* Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of court proceedings is prohibited.
- \* No beverages or food (other than water at counsel table or the witness stand) are allowed in the courtroom.
- \* No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom.
- \* No interviews are permitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor or any other floor of the E.M. Dirksen U.S. courthouse other than in the lobby.
- \* Pursuant to General Order 07-001, dated January 9, 2007, no member of the media may solicit or conduct any on- or off-camera interview for broadcast or publication within the Courthouse lobby other than within the designated media area; this includes leaving the designated media area to film, photograph, or interview people passing through the lobby area.
- \* Media personnel will have lobby access until 6:15 p.m., or for 45 minutes after the Court has adjourned for the day, whichever is latest.
- \* The jury trial will generally begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. All spectators must be seated before trial begins.

- \* During the trial, the first bench behind the government's table is reserved for the government. The first bench behind the defendants' table is reserved for the defendants' legal team.
- \* Once the jury is selected, one bench will be reserved for news organizations that have reporters assigned to the courthouse on a full-time basis: Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Daily Southtown, and WBBM-AM. Each organization is allowed one reserved spot in this row. Two additional rows will be reserved for other media personnel.
- \* An overflow room with live audio feed will be available during the trial.
- \* Failure to comply with these rules will result in removal from the courtroom.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact Michael W. Dobbins at 312-435-6860.



Judge James B. Zagel

Dated: May 27, 2010